**Reflection 2**

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A Literature review is important when doing research. It shows your readers how serious

you are as a researcher when you are willing to go the extra mile to research adequate

information that will make your research project useful. Research creates a rapport with your

audience, it helps you avoid plagiarism, and It strengthens your research focus.

To gain trust from your readers, they want to know if you have done your homework.

Once they see that there are rewards that come along with it, the best reward is getting credit for

your hard work. This is one of the biggest award in writing a research paper. Even if you are not

an expert in a given field, there are articles, books, and more resources out there to help assist

researchers with their research paper. The more resources you can list in your research the more

trustworthy your scholarship and expertise will be. The length of resources depends on the nature

of the research paper. For example, if you are writing a paper in a master’s program it will be

longer than a term paper. The importance is to stick with the sources that is gear towards your

topic and carefully synthesize and review it.

As researchers, it’s important to be careful to site all your resources if you are citing

information on your research paper. In the event, the resources are not cited when used, the

researcher can get in trouble for plagiarism. Plagiarism is when you use other people work

without giving them the credit. It’s possible to write something similar to what someone else has

written, however, it’s rear that many resources are worded the same so it’ll be evident if

information was taken from a particular source word from word. In addition, if you prepared a

literature review at the onset of your research, you could avoid plagiarism. During the

compilation of your review, you could have noticed how someone else has done similar research

on your topic. By knowing this fact, you can tweak your own research in such a way that it is not

similar to someone else’s original or old idea.

Researching topics takes a lot of dedication and focus. As you gather outside sources, you

will condense, evaluate, synthesize, and paraphrase the essence of outside sources in your own

words. This will help compare and contrast what you are doing in the historical context of the

research as well as how your research is different or original from what others have done,

helping you understand why your research is important since other writers took time out to write

articles, novels, and journals about the same topic. The best way to access adequate resources, a

computer, magazines, and books are needed. Thus, it is essential in helping you shape and guide

your research in the direction you may not have thought of by offering insights and different

perspectives on the research topic. When your readers see that you have done your diligence they

began to respect your work more and possibly refer back to it when needed.